

WOODS, MILES LESLIE

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Born at Newbery Ontario, Canada March 27 1846⁸;

Son of _____ and _____;

married Mary at _____ on _____

18. Children, Roy L., Fred W., _____ (Mrs. John

Kennedy), Ida (Mrs. _____ Figgs(~~Edggs~~), _____

(Mrs. James Hayes) _____ (Mrs. Mark DuBois) and

_____ (Mrs. F. J. Quinn). Came to California With

his parents, 1849; went to Arizona, 1864; was a beef contractor at Camp Grant 1869 - 71 and supplied about 250 head of cattle each month to supply the troops and for issue to the Apache Indians assembled near that post; counted 138 dead bodies after the "Camp Grant Massacre" on April 30, 1871.

Was living at Bonita, Graham County, Arizona, in 1916; died at El Centro, Imperial County California, December 11, 1930, aged 84, buried Evergreen Cemetary, El Centro; an obituary in the Imperial Valley Press is as follows:

"REAL PIONEER DIES FOLLOWING HIGHWAY CRASH

One of the last of the forty niners, Miles L. Wood, age 84, died last night in Holtville, California as a result of an automobile accident on the Holtville Highway, November 30th.

He was the father of Roy L. Wood, official Spanish interpreter at the Imperial County Court House.

Miles L. Wood was a native of Ontario, Canada. He came around the Horn with his father and mother, arriving in San Francisco in 1849, when the California gold rush was at its height.

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"When he was nineteen years old, Wood journeyed to Arizona where he became widely known as a contractor who furnished beef, hay, wood and other provisions to the Indians. He was a personal friend of Cochise and Geronimo, Apache Chiefs, and was often entertained in their camps, even during the Indian Wars.

Wood was married in General Sumners' old house in Fort Bowie, Arizona. He was also a personal friend of General Sumners exchanging letters with him after ways of the two men parted.

Until five years ago, Wood ranched extensively in Arizona. He moved to Los Angeles, where he has resided for the past five years.

In the accident which caused the death of the aged pioneer, automobiles driven by Ford W. Wood, his son, and D. V. Smith of Los Angeles were involved. At the time, Wood was reported as having received three broken ribs and other slight injuries. His death is attributed to shock and old age.

Funderal Services will be held at three o'clock tomorrow in the Evergreen Cemetery, with Rev. John Engle of Holtville officiating.

Besides his wife, Wood is survived by seven children and fifteen grand-children. The children are Roy L. Wood of El Centro, Mrs. John Kennedy and Fred W. Wood of Holtville, Mrs. Ida Figgs and Mrs. James Hayes of Los Angeles, Mr Mark Du Bois of Bonita, Arizona and Mrs. F. J. Quinn of Ft. Grant, Arizona."

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